

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

WEALTH TAX REFERENCE No 229 of 1996

For Approval and Signature:

Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE R.K.ABICHANDANI and
MR.JUSTICE A.R.DAVE

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgements?
2. To be referred to the Reporter or not?
3. Whether Their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgement?
4. Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India, 1950 of any Order made thereunder?
5. Whether it is to be circulated to the Civil Judge?

COMMISSIONER OF WEALTH TAX

Versus

HABIT ASTU TRUST

Appearance:

MR P.G. DESAI with MR MANISH R BHATT for Petitioner
Respondent served

CORAM : MR.JUSTICE R.K.ABICHANDANI and
MR.JUSTICE A.R.DAVE

Date of decision: 29/01/98

ORAL JUDGEMENT (Per R.K.Abichandani,J.)

The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Ahmedabad has

referred for the opinion of this Court the following question under Section 27(1) of the Wealth Tax Act, 1957.

"Whether the Appellate Tribunal is right in law and on facts in holding that as the net wealth of the assessee was below the exemption limit the WTO was not justified in applying the provisions of Sec. 21(4) of the W.T.Act and taxing the trust at higher of the two rates prescribed under Sec. 21(4) of the W.T.Act?"

A similar question has been answered by us today in Wealth Tax Reference No. 43/93. Since the facts are similar and the question involved almost identical, we do not find it necessary to reproduce the facts of this case. For the reasons given by us in our judgement and order delivered in Wealth Tax Reference No. 43/93 today, we answer the question referred to us in the affirmative in favour of the assessee and against the Revenue. The reference stands disposed of accordingly with no order as to costs.

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